

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 4, 9, 23, 26 and 27 have been amended. Claims 22 and 36-39 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4-21, 23 and 26-35 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 22, 23, 36 and 38 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Johnson (US 7,096,536).

Claims 1 and 23 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 37 and 39, respectively, and are now believed to be in a condition for allowance. Claims 22, 36 and 38 have been cancelled.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that 4-21, 26-35, 37 and 39 have been found to contain allowable subject matter. Claims 37 and 39 have been cancelled. Claims 9 and 27 have been rewritten in independent form. It is respectfully submitted that claims 4-8, 10-21, 26 and 28-35 are allowable in their present form.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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